

further its long legacy of instilling a passion for learning in its students and the Taft community. On behalf of the 23rd Congressional District of California, it is my honor to share the history of Taft College, celebrate the school's centennial anniversary, and commemorate its enduring contributions to our community.

HONORING DR. ANTHONY CAO MINH HUNG FOR HIS EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP IN AND COMMITMENT TO VIETNAMESE AMERICAN YOUTH TALENT DEVELOPMENT

**HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 24, 2022*

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Cao Minh Hung (aka, Anthony Hung Cao), who co-founded the Cau Lac Bo Tinh Nghe Si (Vietnamese Artists Friendship Club) in 2010, a non-profit organization with members from across the United States and is well-known among Vietnamese community overseas for its activities and contributions in cultural and social events. The purpose of the organization is to preserve Vietnamese culture, as well as encouraging and promoting new talents in music, art, and literature. The organization includes a choir of more than 50 members and participates in many community events throughout the years.

Dr. Cao Minh Hung practices dentistry in Costa Mesa and Long Beach, California. Besides working as a dentist, he spends most of his time serving the community through his organization. He currently serves as a volunteer producer and host for television talk shows, music programs, and children educational shows such as Hat Mam Viet Nam (Seeds of Vietnam) on Little Saigon TV and IBC TV. In the past 10 years, he has hosted more than 400 television talk shows to promote music, culture, and bring important news to the community.

Most importantly, Dr. Anthony Cao Minh Hung founded the Youth Talent Development Program, which has trained and educated nearly 100 young students in the past 6 years. The program includes many aspects from teaching Vietnamese language through music and dance, as well as educating students Vietnamese culture and history through the Trivia Contest Show (aka Do Vui De Hoc), which broadcasts weekly on Little Saigon TV.

The Youth Talent Development Program serves youth from 5 to 18 years old with vocal and dance classes every Saturday. This free program educates students about their cultural heritage through Vietnamese songs and dances, as well as guides them to become future leader for the community. In addition, performances on stage help students build confidence in their personal life.

During the pandemic, Dr. Anthony Cao Minh Hung remained active and managed his time to produce many virtual shows via Zoom. He also advocated for the community's well-being and actively involved in the American Dental Society and the California Dental Society. Besides composing nearly 60 songs related to Vietnamese culture and history, Dr. Anthony Cao Minh Hung has also authored the book "My Life and Many Other Short Stories",

which tells his story of hardship and his path to success since arrival in America at the age of 19. The book has inspired many youths.

With his passionate, tremendous dedication, hardworking, and extraordinary leadership, Dr. Anthony Cao Minh Hung has made great impacts in the Vietnamese American community. He is known among his peers and members as a great leader in many aspects, particularly on preserving the Vietnamese American heritage and building leadership in the younger generation.

RECOGNIZING ANGOLA'S AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S., JOAQUIM DO ESPIRITO SANTO, FOR HIS VISIT TO ATLANTA

**HON. NIKEMA WILLIAMS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 24, 2022*

Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I want to thank Angola's Ambassador to the United States, Joaquim do Espirito Santo, for coming to the City of Atlanta to celebrate our native son, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.

Angolans arrived in the American South 400 years ago as the first African slaves brought to the colonies that would become the United States. Atlanta was incorporated in 1845, and by 1850, Atlanta's population was roughly 20 percent African slaves, mostly from Western Africa and what is now Angola. Angola and the City of Atlanta have a long shared history, and Ambassador Joaquim do Espirito Santo's recent visit honors the relationship between Angola and Atlanta.

While in Atlanta, Ambassador Joaquim do Espirito Santo joined the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day service alongside me at Ebenezer Baptist Church, one of the most powerful modern institutions of the Civil Rights movement. A guest of Dr. Bernice King, Ambassador Joaquim do Espirito Santo attended the service on behalf of Angolan President João Lourenço,

While in town, Ambassador Espirito Santo further built ties with Atlanta's thriving businesses and organizations. By meeting with Atlanta's Mayor, City Council, the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, and the Georgia Department of Economic Development, Ambassador Espirito Santo has laid the groundwork for continued cooperation and partnership between Atlanta and Angola. Similarly, the Ambassador met with the Atlanta-based Carter Center to thank them for their excellent work eliminating Guinea Worm Disease in Angola.

Recognizing Atlanta's shared past and exciting future with Angola, the Atlanta City Council officially proclaimed January 17, MLK Day, as "Angola Day" in Atlanta. In the words of the City Council, "this growing partnership between Atlanta and Angola is a story that has come nearly full circle, from tragedy and injustice to opportunity and hope."

I join the City of Atlanta in congratulating the Ambassador on his timely visit and look forward to the blossoming cultural and economic relationship between Atlanta and Angola.

HONORING U.S. PARALYMPIAN OKSANA MASTERS

**HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 24, 2022*

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of my constituent, Oksana Masters, who is now the most decorated U.S. Winter Paralympian of all time.

Born in Ukraine in the wake of the Chernobyl disaster, Ms. Masters faced challenges early on in life due to the serious impacts of radiation exposure. But, like most things in her life, she overcame these obstacles with unyielding courage. Knowing the serious medical attention that would be needed, Ms. Masters was placed up for adoption and spent the first seven and a half years of her life in orphanages. After being adopted, Ms. Masters' family moved to Louisville when she was 13 years old, where she excelled in sports and graduated from my alma mater, Atherton High School. During her impressive career, Ms. Masters has established herself as a world-class athlete who continues to inspire young people in Louisville and beyond to pursue their dreams in the face of adversity.

With a gold medal in the cross-country skiing mixed relay at the 2022 Beijing Paralympics, Ms. Masters now holds 14 Winter Paralympic medals in cross country skiing and biathlon, along with three more Summer Paralympic medals in cycling and rowing. In addition to her athletic accomplishments, Ms. Masters is an outspoken activist on behalf of her home country, where she advocates to improve medical services for children with disabilities in Ukraine.

On behalf of the people of Kentucky's Third Congressional District and the city of Louisville, I thank Ms. Masters, for her leadership and for representing the United States with such distinction. She is an incredible role model both on and off the slopes, and I have no doubt that she will continue to be a source of pride for her friends and family, the people of Louisville and our entire nation.

HONORING MEAGAN HOLLAND FOR HER SERVICE TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 24, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service and accomplishments of Meagan Holland, a committed public servant who worked in my office as Press Secretary and Digital Director. During her tenure, Meagan has spearheaded the implementation of innovative strategies to expand my office's digital outreach and better engage the constituents of Florida's 24th congressional district. I thank Meagan for her calm demeanor, unwavering professionalism, and extensive expertise.

Meagan has been an integral member of my Washington, D.C. office and has meaningfully contributed with her strong writing skills, creativity, and skilled use of digital media software. In her capacity as lead communications

staffer, she drafted speeches, opinion articles, and statements, produced digital media content, and communicated with members of the national and South Florida press.

Meagan hails from South Carolina and is a graduate of Winthrop University, located in the city of Rock Hill. She has previously served as a public-school English teacher and is the proud daughter of Anthony and Amy Holland.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Meagan Holland for her extraordinary accomplishments and commitment to public service.

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IN RECOGNITION OF HIROSHI MIYAMURA FOR NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR DAY 2022

**HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 24, 2022*

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Hiroshi H. "Hershey" Miyamura of Gallup, New Mexico for his incredible life of service to our nation and in honor of tomorrow's National Medal of Honor Day.

At a time when Japanese Americans faced widespread persecution, Mr. Miyamura bravely volunteered to serve in the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment, during World War II.

Mr. Miyamura answered the call to service again during the Korean War and proved himself to be a model of leadership as a Corporal in Company H, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division.

On the night of April 24, 1951, Company H was ambushed by enemy forces. Aware of the imminent danger to him and his men, Mr. Miyamura ordered the squad to fall back while he remained to cover their movement.

Courageously fighting off more than 50 enemy combatants by himself, Mr. Miyamura gave his squad enough time to escape and was captured as a Prisoner of War (POW).

As a POW, Mr. Miyamura was forced to march 300 miles over five weeks. He then endured 28 months in a POW camp with little food or water.

Following his release in 1953, Mr. Miyamura was presented with the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Dwight D. Eisenhower for his tremendous display of fortitude and heroism.

Since his discharge from the military service, Mr. Miyamura remains a staunch advocate for his fellow veterans and his community.

I'm proud to serve Mr. Miyamura in Congress and recognize him for his invaluable service, both as a wartime hero and peacetime mentor, to the State of New Mexico and to the United States of America.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JOEY BLAZE FOR WINNING THE DIVISION I WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 24, 2022*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an outstanding high school wrestler in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. Joey Blaze, a junior at Perrysburg High School, has represented his school ably on his way to achieving his second Division I State Wrestling Title. Joey overcame the challenges posed by intense competition in his effort to win the Division I State Wrestling Championship.

In pursuing the State Championship, Joey Blaze defeated his opponent in the finals of the 144-pound classification. His hard work and dedication, both on and off the mat, in achieving this accomplishment is truly outstanding. Joey led his team to rank second place overall in the championship. He has achieved an impressive season record bringing pride to his school and community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Joey Blaze of Perrysburg High School. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement.

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HONORING VIVIAN RODRIGUEZ FOR HER LIFELONG CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 24, 2022*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, as Outreach Director for Florida's 9th Congressional District, Vivian Rodriguez served as a Federal liaison to Central Florida constituents and community leaders. Her dedication to underserved communities helped to elevate their voices and concerns. During her tenure, Ms. Rodriguez organized hundreds of outreach meetings and community events. She proudly recognized community leaders who selflessly gave their time to benefit Central Florida at multiple cultural events each year.

Ms. Rodriguez worked to support our office's belief in combatting social injustice by organizing advisory committee panels to identify areas within our community that needed improvement from criminal justice, Hispanic, and LGBTQ+ priorities. Following the devastation from Hurricane Maria, Ms. Rodriguez united community leaders to help thousands of people transition into our Central Florida community from Puerto Rico.

One of Ms. Rodriguez's greatest accomplishments was working with the LGBTQ+ community to designate Pulse as a National Memorial. Her efforts will honor the victims' families, survivors, and Central Florida community forever. She also drafted letters of support to increase our community's resources during the global health pandemic. Her actions helped boost our community vaccination numbers and improve COVID-19 testing availability.

Today, we celebrate her lifelong career in public service, which began at the New York City Police Department where she was committed to protecting her community, especially following the 9/11 attack. She later worked as a consultant to the Department of Homeland Security before serving Central Florida as Outreach Director for Florida's 9th Congressional District. We are grateful for Vivian's commitment to serving our community and wish her the best in her retirement.

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RECOGNIZING THE H.E.A.R.T.S. MUSEUM AND THEIR EFFORTS TO PRESERVE VETERAN MEMORIES

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 24, 2022*

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the H.E.A.R.T.S. Veterans Museum in Huntsville, Texas, as it dedicates its replica of the Vietnam Wall Memorial. This wall is a powerful and emotional reminder of our fallen soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice valiantly defending human life and freedom in the Vietnam War.

The H.E.A.R.T.S. Veterans Museum represents a three-decade commemorative community effort born from a humble window front display. Who knew that a single patriotic gesture would result in a permanent museum preserving the names and memories of the men and women who did not make it home from the battlefields of Vietnam.

The museum began as a traveling student education program, but the mission of H.E.A.R.T.S. quickly brought the community together. The permanent location in Huntsville opened its doors on Veteran's Day in 2009. Spurred by one respectful and reflective gesture, this effort by the Huntsville community truly exemplifies the H.E.A.R.T.S. mission to Help Every American Remember Through Serving.

Today, the H.E.A.R.T.S. Veterans Museum is a living time capsule that showcases, salutes, and immortalizes our nation's heroes and their contributions. Veterans are the heartbeat of freedom, and this addition will serve as a powerful reminder that our freedom is not free.

I am proud to congratulate the H.E.A.R.T.S. museum on the completion of their replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. This 370-foot-long, eight-foot-tall replica serves to honor our veterans who stepped up to the call of duty and gave their lives for the sake of liberty and justice for all. Their names, forever carved in stone, represent a small token of our gratitude and deep appreciation for their sacrifice. Families and veterans from across Texas and neighboring states can visit this wall to honor the 2,700,000 men and women who served in the Vietnam War.

I am proud to join my community to recognize the dedication of this deeply moving memorial and congratulate the H.E.A.R.T.S. Veterans Museum on all the work they have done to honor the brave service members, living and deceased, who fought in the Vietnam War.